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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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SRF-5J

RE: WPRAP Full Scale Startup
Extension

Dear Mr. Reising:

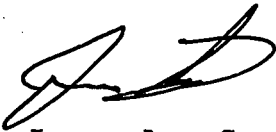
The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review of the United States Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE) October 18, 1999, letter requesting a thirty (30) day extension for startup of full scale operations at the Waste Pits Remedial Action Project (WPRAP), Operable Unit 1. U.S. EPA concurs with the extension request.

Although U.S. DOE has failed to meet the October 18, 1999, milestone for the full scale operations of the thermal dryer and related systems (phase 3), it has progressed successfully through phases 1 and 2. Also, the additional time requested by U.S. DOE can optimize operation, maintenance training, readiness exercises and testing. Further, since actual use of the thermal dryers is not needed at this time, the additional time extension will not result in any operational delays.

Therefore, U.S. EPA concurs with U.S. DOE's extension request for full scale startup of the WPRAP to begin by November 17, 1999. This date is enforceable milestones under the 1991 Amended Consent Agreement.

Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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